



Dear Coastal SAR Partner

RE: SOUTHERN MAINE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) FORUM 04 JUNE 2004

1. On Friday June 4, 2004 the Maine Marine Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Search and Rescue Forum from 9:00am – 3:30pm at USCG Station Rockland, ME. Similar to previous events, this event will focus on strengthening the existing partnerships between local, state and federal SAR entities. What will be different this year is our expansion of the event by opening the participation state-wide. The Coast Guard Groups from Portland and Southwest Harbor have worked closely with the Maine Marine Patrol to identify as many of our partners across the state and to include them in this event. We hope that you will be able to attend, what will surely be a highly successful partnering and networking opportunity!
2. The events this year will consist of three segments, including lunch and a 50/50 raffle:

Indoor classroom training consisting of a professional exchange on SAR planning, common SAR terms and language, discussion of lessons learned and a working knowledge of maritime platform and resource inventories, capabilities, limitations and areas of employment.

Outdoor training: We will offer hands-on-training that will include person-in-the-water search techniques/procedures onboard Coast Guard and Maine Marine Patrol boats, towing and dewatering, flare sighting, operational risk management and safety survival equipment.

Outdoor static displays and demonstrations: Various agencies, including Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Coast Guard 47 foot motor life boat and Maine Marine Patrol Boat. **If you have some specialized SAR equipment that you would like to be part of the static display, please let us know.**

3. Enclosed is an "Inventory Capabilities Form." We want to ensure our information is current, so we ask you to complete this form. You may bring the completed form with you to this training, mail it, or fax it. This information will be entered into a data base which can be shared with all coastal maritime agencies. It is important that this database contain the capabilities of all available coastal agencies that may partner with the Coast Guard and/or Maine Marine Patrol in an emergency. During a maritime emergency, this information will provide both your agency and our agency with an accurate listing of personnel and equipment capabilities.

4. We are excited to meet you and look forward to continuing our successful partnership in prosecuting maritime agencies. The Maine Marine Patrol web site: [www.maine.gov/dmr](http://www.maine.gov/dmr) will have a listing of agencies invited to participate and provide a summary of their rescue capabilities. If you notice we have overlooked an agency, please call either Lieutenant Tony Maffia (USCG) at (207) 741-5491 or Sergeant Steve Ingram (DMR MMP) at (207) 624-6560.

Sincerely,

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Colonel  
Maine Marine Patrol

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Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Group Southwest Harbor, Maine

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Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
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Encl: (1) Inventory Capabilities Form

Copy: First District (osr)  
MSO Portland (R&P)

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**Please Detach and Return by May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ POC Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Personnel Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Not Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Not Attend, but Request SAR Information: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to display any specialized equipment or notice an agency we may have inadvertently overlooked, please contact Lieutenant Tony Maffia at (207) 741-5491 or Sergeant Steve Ingram (DMR MMP) at (207) 624-6560.

Mail to: Commander  
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Attn: LT Maffia

Or Fax to: (207) 767-0308  
Attn: LT Tony Maffia

**INVENTORY CAPABILITIES FORM**

COUNTY\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town:\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Primary POC:\_\_\_\_\_

email:\_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement Agency Responsible:\_\_\_\_\_

Personnel:\_\_\_\_\_

Dive team:\_\_\_\_\_

Number and Type(s) of Rescue Boat:\_\_\_\_\_

Special Equipment:\_\_\_\_\_

Communications Frequencies Used/Hours Monitored:\_\_\_\_\_

Other Important Information:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Personnel:\_\_\_\_\_

Dive team:\_\_\_\_\_

Number and Type(s) of Rescue Boat:\_\_\_\_\_

Special Equipment:\_\_\_\_\_

Communications Frequencies Used/Hours Monitored:\_\_\_\_\_

Other Important Information:\_\_\_\_\_

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Harbormaster:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Personnel:\_\_\_\_\_

Dive team:\_\_\_\_\_

Number and Type(s) of Rescue Boat:\_\_\_\_\_

Special Equipment:\_\_\_\_\_

Communications Frequencies Used/Hours Monitored:\_\_\_\_\_

Other Important Information:\_\_\_\_\_

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